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Closed Captioning and Video)
Description of Programming)

MM Docket No. 95-176

COMMENTS OF THE ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY MEDIA
IN THE NOTICE OF INQUIRY

The Alliance for Community Media (the "Alliance") respectfully submits the following comments in response to the Notice of Inquiry, FCC 95-484, in the above-captioned proceeding, released December 4, 1995 ("Notice"). The Commission seeks to assess the current availability, cost and uses of closed captioning and video description, and to assess what further wider use may be appropriate.

I. INTRODUCTION

The Alliance for Community Media is a national membership organization comprised of more than thirteen hundred organizations and individuals in more than seven hundred communities. Members include access producers, access center managers and staff members, local cable advisory board members, city cable officials, cable company staff working in community programming, and others involved in public, educational and governmental ("PEG") access programming around the country. The Alliance assists in all aspects of community programming, from production and operations to regulatory oversight.

These centers produce and transmit local non-commercial, non-profit educational and public affairs television programming on local cable systems, pursuant to local franchise agreements authorized by Section 611 of the 1984 Cable Act.¹ As such, the Alliance represents the interests of religious, community, educational, charitable, and other non-commercial, non-profit institutions who utilize PEG access centers and facilities to speak to their memberships and their larger communities and participate in an ever-growing "electronic town hall." The organization represents the interests of the hundreds of thousands of employees and volunteers who help produce educational, governmental and public access programming. Finally, it represents the concerns of all Americans who believe that the tremendous resources of the Information Age should be made available to "at-risk" communities that otherwise would have insufficient means.

In many smaller and rural towns and villages, PEG access is the only means by which residents receive truly local programming. In suburban jurisdictions which may be served by one or more broadcast stations, PEG access programming allows cable subscribers to participate in events and activities of importance to the suburban community, from local school board meetings and town council elections to televised plays and concerts. PEG access also provides a forum for local religious education programming, community college courses, and high school football

¹Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, Sec. 611 (47 U.S.C. Sec. 531).

games. In large urban areas, PEG access provides a variety and diversity of communication which is unavailable on commercial local stations.

PEG access is provided on cable systems pursuant to a franchise agreement between a cable operator and a franchising authority (typically, a municipal government).² Cable operators may also be required to provide services, facilities and equipment to make such access possible.³ Franchise authorities, which are entitled to collect franchise fees of up to five percent of gross revenue from cable operators,⁴ will often provide a portion of these fees for PEG access. PEG centers throughout the nation produce more than 20,000 hours of original programming per week; this is more than CBS, NBC, ABC, and PBS combined.⁵

II. CLOSED-CAPTIONING AND VIDEO DESCRIPTION ON PUBLIC,
EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL CHANNELS WOULD PROVIDE ACCESS
TO "THE ELECTRONIC TOWN HALL" TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY EXCLUDED

The Alliance is dedicated to providing meaningful access to telecommunications services to all individuals, regardless of disability, race, religion, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual

²Id.

³Id.

⁴1984 Cable Act, Sec. 622 (47 U.S.C. Sec. 542)

⁵S.Rep. 103-367 (accompanying S. 1822), 103rd Cong., 2d. Sess. (1994) at 15.

preference, immigration status, etc. We are extremely supportive of the policies behind closed-captioning and video description. Both would allow significantly underserved populations to share in those parts of our national dialogue that take place via video programming services.

Our interest in closed-captioning and video description is twofold. First, the Alliance's organizational members can and have presented programming produced by organizations serving the deaf and blind. At least one PEG access center has already shown programming for the deaf via television-TTY simulcast.⁶ By transmitting captioning, TTY and description through the PEG channel's vertical blanking interval and Second Audio Program, PEG access centers are technically capable of presenting captioned or described programming to all of their blind and deaf PEG access viewers. This captioning and description will allow members of blind and deaf organizations to present local programming to members of their sub-community. Moreover, by providing access to deaf and blind cable subscribers, PEG access will allow for a richer dialogue between community residents.

While we support the concept of providing both services for PEG access viewers, it is unlikely that viewer demand for video description services will be high. Most PEG presentations are presented in interview, discussion, magazine or lecture formats. Only a relatively small portion of PEG programming contains

⁶Interview with Hubert Jessup, Executive Director, Boston Community Network, January 26, 1995.

enough action to make video description relevant.

III. MANDATING CLOSED CAPTIONING WITHOUT PROVIDING FUNDING
REPRESENTS AN IMPOSSIBLE BURDEN FOR PEG ACCESS.

Both cost and the unique nature of public access programming prevent PEG centers from regularly providing closed captioning services. Based on information available to the Alliance, the average yearly budget for a full-service PEG center is \$227,147 per year.⁷ The largest center, in the Borough of Manhattan in New York City, NY, has a yearly budget of approximately \$5,561,000 per year.⁸ However, many PEG centers have budgets of less than \$50,000 per year; some have budgets as small as \$2,000-3,000 per year.⁹ For instance, the PEG access center for the city of Riverside, CA, with a resident population of more than 350,000, operates on a budget of \$50,000 per year.¹⁰ The municipal access channel for Lansing, MI, operates on a yearly budget of \$49,000.¹¹ Blacksburg, Virginia's PEG access center operates on a budget of \$47,000 per year.¹² The PEG access

⁷See Alliance for Community Media, 1994 Community Media Resource Directory, passim, and Appendix A.

⁸Id. at 186.

⁹Id., passim.

¹⁰Id. at 30.

¹¹Id. at 141.

¹²Id. at 220.

center for Moorhead, MN operates on a yearly budget of \$38,000.¹³ Appendix A (attached) is a list of yearly PEG access center budgets for which the Alliance has information.

The Commission suggests that closed-captioning a program may be conservatively priced at \$2,500 per program-hour.¹⁴ If closed-captioning were required, the Riverside center, for example, could show only 20 hours of programming per year, with no funds left over for salaries, equipment, and expenses. The Manhattan center could present six hours of closed-captioned programming a day (2,190 hours) but would only have \$86,000 left over to pay rent, its 16 full-time and five part-time staff, its utility bills, and other associated expenses. Even without factoring in the costs of purchasing the equipment necessary to make closed-captioning possible, a mandatory closed-caption requirement would put very real burdens on PEG access centers.

Needless to say, PEG access centers associated with the Alliance would welcome the opportunity to show closed-captioned and video description programming. The Alliance is hopeful that cable operators, local franchise authorities, and school boards will provide funding and equipment for closed-captioning and video description. We are hopeful that cable operators will provide services, facilities and equipment to PEG access centers pursuant to their agreements with local franchise authorities (or

¹³Id. at 157.

¹⁴Notice at Par. 18. The Commission implies that the estimate may be conservative in 1996 dollars, since the initial estimate was made in 1990.

as modifications to those agreements) and their own desire to serve the public good.

PEG centers generally do not produce their own programming; instead, program producers are generally either individuals or small non-profit organizations working with volunteer personnel. Placing responsibility for closed-captioning on access program producers is not advisable. Individuals, non-profits, schools or local governments operate under financially adverse circumstances. Requiring, for example, public high-schools' educational access distance learning-GED programs to close-caption could cause most school districts to cease offering these programs entirely. Requiring that PEG volunteer producers close-caption their programming at their own expense would contradict the purpose of PEG access, which has always been to give tools, training and transmission capabilities to those who would not otherwise have access. Requiring closed-captioning would convert essentially free access into access at \$2,500 per hour. This would make a mockery of PEG access' assigned role as the "electronic town hall" of our communities; there is certainly no town hall in the U.S. with a \$2,500-per-hour use fee.

Additionally, many public access centers have a policy of not prescreening the materials brought to the center for transmission. Material is not prescreened because no editorial control is exercised over public access programming content. As a practical matter, there are generally no employees or volunteers assigned to this task, and it is unlikely that any PEG

access center could afford to hire additional employee(s) for this purpose.

We are also concerned that once a pre-screening procedure is implemented, even if for the laudable purpose inserting or inspecting for the presence of closed captioning, local government entities, elected officials or private individuals will put pressure on a PEG center manager to prescreen video programming for content that those groups or individuals find objectionable. PEG center managers are unlikely to respond favorably to such requests.

IV. CONCLUSION

PEG access centers would welcome the opportunity to present programming accessible to blind and deaf audiences. We believe that cable operators, governmental entities, or private funds and foundations may provide an appropriate source for funding. However, requiring PEG access centers to shoulder the financial and administrative burden of providing or requiring that every program be closed-captioned would mean the end of PEG access for sighted and non-sighted viewers alike. Whether acting pursuant to the proposed provisions of pending telecommunications legislation¹⁵ or its existing powers, we urge the Commission to exempt PEG access centers from any closed-captioning

¹⁵H.R. 1555, 104th Cong., 1st Sess., Sec. 204 (1995); S. 652, 104th Cong., 1st Sess., Sec. 308 (1995).

requirements, or, in the alternative, to identify and provide for alternate funding sources to allow some PEG programming to be made available to blind and deaf audiences.

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APPENDIX A

(All data from Alliance for Community Media, 1994
Community Media Resources Directory (1994)).

Public, Educational and Government Access Budget Listing

Company	City	State	Budget
Acadiana Open Channel, Inc.	Lafayette	LA	\$279,500
Access 4	Springfield	IL	\$117,000
Access Bellingham	Bellingham	MA	\$81,000
Access Florissant, Inc.	Florissant	MO	\$102,000
Access Los Altos, Foothill College TV Center	Los Altos Hills	CA	\$225,000
Access Sacramento	Sacramento	CA	\$515,000
AccessVision	Battle Creek	MI	\$240,000
Addison Community Television	Addison	IL	\$207,545
Adelphia Cable	Duxbury	MA	\$16,500
Adelphia Cable - Channel 15	South Burlington	VT	\$127,000
Advanced Media Production / CSU	Long Beach	CA	\$450,000
Akaku: Maui Community Television	Kahului	HI	\$240,000
Allen County Public Library TV Center	Fort Wayne	IN	\$350,000
American Cablevision of Indianapolis	Indianapolis	IN	\$48,500
American Cablevision of St. Louis	St. Louis	MO	\$102,000
Ames Government Access/Ames Public Access	Ames	IA	\$138,000
Amherst Community TV	Amherst	MA	\$100,000
Anderson Community Television	Cincinnati	OH	\$90,000
Ann Arbor Community Access Television (AACAT)	Ann Arbor	MI	\$589,000
Arlington Community Television	Arlington	MA	\$240,000
Arlington Community Television	Arlington	VA	\$248,000
Arts Channel, The	Tucson	AZ	\$36,918
Ashland Cable Access	Ashland	MA	\$65,000
Auburn Area Access	Auburn	CA	\$2,000
Aurora Community Television	Aurora	CO	\$400,000
Aurora Community Television	Aurora	IL	\$242,000
Austin Community Television, Inc.	Austin	TX	\$700,000
B52, Government Access Television	Brunswick	OH	\$125,000
BCAT - Bloomington Community Access TV	Bloomington	IN	\$496,975

Company	City	State	Budget
Bedford Community TV	Lexington	MA	\$70,000
Bellevue Community Television	Bellevue	NE	\$35,000
Berkeley Community Media, Inc.	Berkeley	CA	\$115,000
Berks Community Television	Reading	PA	\$292,372
Bettendorf Public Library	Bettendorf	IA	\$3,000
BHC-TV / Bloomfield Hills Schools	Bloomfield Hills	MI	\$80,000
BHN-10 - Beverly Hills Network Ch 10	Beverly Hills	CA	\$250,000
Billerica Access Television	Billerica	MA	\$250,000
Bloomfield Community Television	Bloomfield Hills	MI	\$300,000
Boston Neighborhood Network	Boston	MA	\$750,000
Brattleboro Community Television - BCTV	Brattleboro	VT	\$64,000
Bremerton Community Access Television	Bremerton	WA	\$36,500
Bresnan Communications Company	Marquette	MI	\$150,000
Bronxnet	Bronx	NY	\$653,000
Brookline Access TV	Brookline	MA	\$92,400
Buena Park Cable Foundation	Buena Park	CA	\$75,000
Buffalo Cable Access Media (BCAM)	Buffalo	NY	\$150,000
Buffalo Grove Municipal Cable TV	Buffalo Grove	IL	\$50,000
Burnsville/Eagan Access Television	Eagan	MN	\$200,000
C-NET	University Park	PA	\$100,000
Cable 3, KELM-TV	El Monte	CA	\$217,966
Cable 6	New London	WI	\$14,300
Cable Access of Dallas, Inc.	Dallas	TX	\$542,300
Cable Access St. Paul	St. Paul	MN	\$654,000
Cable Communications Department	Orlando	FL	\$256,884
Cablevision	Peabody	MA	\$135,000
Cablevision of Lexington	Lexington	MA	\$170,000
Calaveras Community Television	Avery	CA	\$27,000
Cambridge Community Television	Cambridge	MA	\$430,000
Camera 8 Public Access TV	Mountain Home	ID	\$23,312
Canton Cable Access Corp.	Canton	MA	\$100,000
Cape Cod Community Television (C3TV)	South Yarmouth	MA	\$325,457

Company	City	State	Budget
Capital Community Television	Salem	OR	\$252,000
Carroll Community Television	Westminster	MD	\$119,000
Carson Community Access Television - Channel 10	Carson City	NV	\$109,600
Catamount Access Television (CAT-TV)	Bennington	VT	\$80,000
Catonsville Community College (CTV 20)	Catonsville	MD	\$220,000
Cedar Falls Cable T.V. Commission	Cedar Falls	IA	\$100,000
Ch-12 CMAR	Aberdeen	NJ	\$25,000
Channel 2	Cadillac	MI	\$65,000
Channel 54	Pittsburg	CA	\$120,000
Channel 6 Elk Grove	Elk Grove	IL	\$215,000
Channel 8 / The Library	East Brunswick	NJ	\$128,000
Charlotte Fire Department Media Center	Charlotte	NC	\$3,000
Chicago Access Corporation	Chicago	IL	\$1,300,000
Chittenden Community TV - CCTV	Burlington	VT	\$150,000
Cincinnati Community Video	Cincinnati	OH	\$542,000
Citation Cable Systems	Cambridge	MN	\$5,000
CitiCable	Cincinnati	OH	\$400,000
CitiCable 12	Madison	WI	\$300,000
Citizens Television, Inc.	New Haven	CT	\$350,000
City Access 18	Santa Barbara	CA	\$63,000
City Channel 26	Milwaukee	WI	\$375,000
City Channel 4 (City of Topeka)	Topeka	KS	\$350,000
City Channel, The	Cupertino	CA	\$147,000
City Eight Productions	Dearborn Heights	MI	\$67,917
City Hall Television CHTV-5	Sterling Heights	MI	\$363,720
City of Bloomington, Cable Channel 31	Bloomington	MN	\$86,000
City of Commerce	Commerce	CA	\$200,000
City of Coon Rapids	Coon Rapids	MN	\$74,000
City of Dubuque Cable TV Division	Dubuque	IA	\$220,548
City of Iowa City	Iowa City	IA	\$280,000
City of Millbrae	Millbrae	CA	\$21,000
City of Minneapolis Cable 34	Minneapolis	MN	\$89,000

Company	City	State	Budget
City of Palo Alto Government Access	Palo Alto	CA	\$61,000
City of San Bernardino Channel 3	San Bernardino	CA	\$430,200
City of Tacoma	Tacoma	WA	\$246,000
City of Thousand Oaks Government Access - TOTV	Thousand Oaks	CA	\$400,000
City of Tucson / Tucson Cable 12	Tucson	AZ	\$502,000
City Scene - Channel 15	St. Petersburg	FL	\$250,000
City TV 22/23	East Lansing	MI	\$65,000
Citycable 7 - City of Scottsdale	Scottsdale	AZ	\$200,000
CityCable Channel 5	Spokane	WA	\$130,000
CityTV of Santa Monica	Santa Monica	CA	\$434,000
Clarkstown Central School District	West Nyack	NY	\$17,639
Columbia Community Television	St. Helens	OR	\$12,000
Columbus Community Cable Access (ACTV 21)	Columbus	OH	\$355,793
Comcast Cablevision	Flint	MI	\$175,000
Communications Division, City of St. Louis	St. Louis	MO	\$1,073,000
Communications Division, Village of Mount Prospect	Mount Prospect	IL	\$190,000
Community Access Center	Kalamazoo	MI	\$349,836
Community Access Corp.	New Orleans	LA	\$70,000
Community Access Television	Bismarck	ND	\$138,305
Community Access Television	Fayetteville	AR	\$60,000
Community Access Television of Salina	Salina	KS	\$280,000
Community Access TV	Stillwater	MN	\$80,000
Community News & Weather Foundation	Rim Forest	CA	\$6,500
Community Television	Raleigh	NC	\$480,000
Community Television	Grantsburg	WI	\$5,000
Community Television Department TV33/36	St. Louis Park	MN	\$55,800
Community Television Network	Portland	ME	\$115,000
Community Television of Knoxville	Knoxville	TN	\$250,000
Community Voice Channel, The	Bolton	CT	\$110,000
Continental Cablevision	Easton	MA	\$200,000
Continental Cablevision	Mashpee	MA	\$40,000
Continental Cablevision	Orleans	MA	\$200,000

Company	City	State	Budget
Continental Cablevision	Quincy	MA	\$400,000
Continental Cablevision	Cambridge	MA	\$400,000
Continental Cablevision	Clinton	MA	\$200,000
Continental Cablevision	Wilmington	MA	\$200,000
Continental Cablevision	Marion	MA	\$56,000
Continental Cablevision Community Programming	Fresno	CA	\$290,000
Copley/Colony Local Origination	Costa Mesa	CA	\$223,000
County of San Diego, Video Services	San Diego	CA	\$200,000
Cox Cable Productions	Harahan	LA	\$379,666
Cox Cable Rhode Island	Cranston	RI	\$100,000
CPAT - Channel 3 / Insight Cablevision	Claremont	CA	\$60,000
Crossroads Community Video	Corinth	MS	\$10,000
Crosswalks Television Network	Bronx	NY	\$1,600,000
Crown Cable Local Programming	Riverside	CA	\$50,000
Dallas Schools Television Network	Dallas	TX	\$650,000
DATV - Dayton Access Television	Dayton	OH	\$520,000
Davis Community TV	Davis	CA	\$178,000
DCTV	Washington	DC	\$410,000
DeKalb Center for Community Television	Decatur	GA	\$275,000
Denver Community Television - DCTV	Denver	CO	\$510,000
Double Helix Corporation	St. Louis	MO	\$260,000
Dover Cable Television	Dover	MA	\$25,000
Downers Grove Television, Channel 29	Downers Grove	IL	\$120,000
DPS-TV (Dayton Public Schools Television)	Dayton	OH	\$50,000
Duluth-Superior PACT	Duluth	MN	\$108,100
ECTV, Channel 6	Edwardsville	IL	\$60,000
Edu-Cable / Cable 12 West	Rochester	NY	\$21,000
Education Channel 20	Phoenix	AZ	\$140,000
Educational Broadcast Center at Bergen Community	Paramus	NJ	\$250,000
Evanston Community Television	Evanston	IL	\$327,000
Evanston Township High School	Evanston	IL	\$6,000
Fairfax County Cable Programming	Fairfax	VA	\$1,200,000

Company	City	State	Budget
Fairport Area Community Television	Fairport	NY	\$20,000
Falmouth Community Television	Falmouth	MA	\$181,000
Fillmore Access Television	Fillmore	CA	\$16,000
Fitchburg Access Television, Inc.	Fitchburg	MA	\$104,000
Foxboro Cable Access, Inc.	Foxboro	MA	\$100,000
Framingham Cablevision	Framingham	MA	\$50,000
FWCS LTV-20 Television Center	Fort Wayne	IN	\$150,000
Garden Grove Cable TV Corp.	Garden Grove	CA	\$203,000
Gardena Cable Usage Corporation	Gardena	CA	\$50,000
GHS-TV	Germantown	TN	\$175,000
Glenview Television	Glenview	IL	\$85,000
Government Access Channel 16	Indianapolis	IN	\$260,000
Government Television Channel 3	Columbus	OH	\$501,000
Grassroots Television Network, Inc.	Aspen	CO	\$100,000
Greenfield Community Television	Greenfield	MA	\$122,100
Grosse Ile Township Cable TV Communications Com	Grosse Ile	MI	\$24,314
GRTV / The Community Media Center	Grand Rapids	MI	\$535,290
GTV19 - Municipal Government Access Channel	Dayton	OH	\$55,500
Hamilton Television	Trenton	NJ	\$115,000
Hartford Public Access Television, Inc.	Hartford	CT	\$100,000
Ho'ike: Kaua'i Community Television, Inc.	Lihue	HI	\$150,000
Hollywood Film Institute	Los Angeles	CA	\$250,000
HOM-TV Channel 21	Okemos	MI	\$173,000
Honolulu City Council	Honolulu	HI	\$130,000
Howard Community College Cable Eight	Columbia	MD	\$200,000
Hudson/N. Hudson Community Access TV	Hudson	WI	\$40,000
Inter-Media Art Center, Inc. (IMAC)	Huntington	NY	\$250,000
Intercommunity Cable Regulatory Commission	Cincinnati	OH	\$400,000
Intermedia Arts Minnesota	Minneapolis	MN	\$817,000
JCTV-3	Jefferson City	MO	\$79,534
Jones Intercable	Buffalo	MN	\$195,000
Jones Intercable Public Access Center	Tampa	FL	\$754,656

Company	City	State	Budget
KBOO - FM	Portland	OR	\$375,000
KCMC - Cable Channel 10	Leadville	CO	\$1,500
KCTV Community Access Television	Santa Barbara	CA	\$346,000
KDOL TV-13, Oakland Unified School District	Oakland	CA	\$60,000
Kenosha Access Advisory Committee	Kenosha	WI	\$50,000
Kenton/Boone Counties Office of Cable Comm.	Covington	KY	\$200,000
KGEM Channel 3	Monrovia	CA	\$100,000
KISS TV, Union City High School	Union City	IN	\$27,000
KLTV	Longview	WA	\$180,000
KPTV & KDXL Radio	St. Louis Park	MN	\$25,000
KRTO - City of Rialto	Rialto	CA	\$10,000
KSAR 6 Saratoga Community Access TV	Saratoga	CA	\$38,000
KSCT-TV	Sitka	AK	\$25,000
La Porte High School	La Porte	IN	\$5,000
Lafayette Community Television	Lafayette	IN	\$5,000
Lake Champlain Access Television (LCATV)	Colchester	VT	\$67,000
Lake Forest Community Television	Lake Forest	IL	\$126,725
Lakeville Government Channel	Lakeville	MN	\$50,000
Lakewood Community TV	Lakewood	CA	\$300,000
Larchmont-Mamaroneck Community Television	Mamaroneck	NY	\$150,000
Library Cable Network	Wheeling	IL	\$80,000
LISD-TV	Lubbock	TX	\$230,000
Livingston Public Broadcasting Committee	Livingston	NJ	\$50,000
Local Access - Channel 21	Excelsior	MN	\$30,000
Local Programming	North Brookfield	MA	\$3,600
Lockport Community Television, Inc.	Lockport	NY	\$278,000
Londonderry Access Center	Londonderry	NH	\$45,000
Longmont Cable Trust	Longmont	CO	\$165,000
Los Alamitos Television Corporation - LATV	Los Alamitos	CA	\$100,000
Lowell Telecommunications Corporation	Lowell	MA	\$960,000
Lower Merion Township Government Access	Ardmore	PA	\$45,000
LT-TV Lyons Township High School	La Grange	IL	\$12,000

Company	City	State	Budget
Mad River TV-13	Winsted	CT	\$59,337
Malden Access Television (MATV)	Malden	MA	\$200,000
Manhattan Neighborhood Network	New York	NY	\$5,561,298
Marlborough Cable Trust	Marlborough	MA	\$137,000
MCTV	Gresham	OR	\$1,000,000
Media 6 Productions	Lawrenceburg	IN	\$30,000
Medway Cable Access Corporation	Medway	MA	\$56,000
Melrose MASS Television, Inc.	Melrose	MA	\$115,000
MEX-TV Channel 3 - City of Mexico, MO	Mexico	MO	\$21,862
Miami Valley Cable Council	Centerville	OH	\$700,000
Michigan City Public Library	Michigan City	IN	\$125,000
Mid-Coast Television, Inc.	El Granada	CA	\$49,000
Mid-Peninsula Access Corporation	Palo Alto	CA	\$215,000
Midland Community Television	Midland	MI	\$200,000
Midvalley Community Access Television	Toppenish	WA	\$125,000
Milton Community TV	Milton	MA	\$80,000
Milwaukee Access Telecommunications Authority (M	Milwaukee	WI	\$686,394
Minneapolis Telecommunications Network	Minneapolis	MN	\$650,000
Missoula Community Access Television (MCAT)	Missoula	MT	\$124,525
Monroe Public Access Cable Television, Inc.	Monroe	MI	\$75,000
Montague Community Television	Turners Falls	MA	\$43,000
Montgomery Community Television, Inc.	Rockville	MD	\$1,226,145
Moorhead Community Access Television, Inc.	Moorhead	MN	\$38,000
Mount Wachusett Community College	Gardner	MA	\$55,000
Mountain View Community TV	Mountain View	CA	\$360,000
Municipal Cable Channel 28	Lansing	MI	\$49,000
Municipal Channel 28	Seattle	WA	\$77,000
Municipal Channel 8	Boulder	CO	\$300,000
Napa Public Access Cable Television Inc.	Napa	CA	\$52,785
Naperville Community Television (NCTV)	Naperville	IL	\$155,000
Nashoba Cable Community TV	Belmont	MA	\$60,000
Nashoba Cable Community TV	Concord	MA	\$45,000

Company	City	State	Budget
NCTV	Blaine	MN	\$300,000
New Lenox Cable Access	New Lenox	IL	\$19,000
New Orleans Public Schools	New Orleans	LA	\$150,000
Newport Community Television, Inc.	Newport	NH	\$97,000
Newton Cable Access Corporation	Newton Highland	MA	\$300,000
Norfolk Cable Access	Norfolk	MA	\$13,600
Northbrook Community Television	Northbrook	IL	\$60,000
Northern Dakota County Community Television Corp.	Inver Grove Heig	MN	\$185,000
Northland Cable TV	Statesboro	GA	\$75,000
Northwest Community Television	Brooklyn Park	MN	\$1,500,000
Northwest Film Center	Portland	OR	\$1,100,000
Norwood Community TV Corp.	Norwood	MA	\$25,000
Nutmeg Public Access TV, Inc.	Farmington	CT	\$432,278
Oakland County Cable Communications Corp. (OC-4	Troy	MI	\$334,924
Oceanside Community Television - KOCT	Oceanside	CA	\$287,579
OCTS Channel 5	Canby	OR	\$129,000
Office of Cable Communications	Torrance	CA	\$800,000
Office of Cable TV	Cambridge	MA	\$190,000
Office of Television Services	Denver	CO	\$447,000
Olelo: The Corporation for Community Television	Honolulu	HI	\$2,800,000
Oshkosh Channel 10	Oshkosh	WI	\$78,000
Pace Telecommunication Center	Norwood	OH	\$95,000
Pegasys, Inc.	Enid	OK	\$267,000
Penfield Community Television	Penfield	NY	\$54,000
Pinole Community Television	Pinole	CA	\$45,000
Pittsburgh Community Television	Pittsburgh	PA	\$335,453
Pittsfield Community TV	Pittsfield	MA	\$100,000
Pittsford Central Schools District Media Center	Pittsford	NY	\$3,780
Plano Television Network	Plano	TX	\$325,000
Pocatello Vision 12	Pocatello	ID	\$109,000
Portage Cable Access (PCA)	Portage	MI	\$105,000
Portland Community Access Center	Portland	ME	\$47,000

Company	City	State	Budget
PSTV	Palm Springs	CA	\$100,000
Public Access Channel 16	Hammond	IN	\$123,800
Public Access Community Television	Eau Claire	WI	\$102,239
Public Access Television	Iowa City	IA	\$136,974
Public Access TV Corporation	Great Neck	NY	\$127,200
Public Access TV of Longmeadow	Longmeadow	MA	\$37,000
Quad Cities Community Television	Anoka	MN	\$327,000
Quote...Unquote, Inc.	Albuquerque	NM	\$311,000
Ramsey/Washington Suburban Cable Commission	Oakdale	MN	\$200,000
RCTV	Rye	NY	\$75,000
Redding Community Access Corp.	Redding	CA	\$178,000
River Falls Public Access (RFCC-TV)	River Falls	WI	\$34,014
Riverside/Brookfield H.S. A-V Center	Riverside	IL	\$80,000
Rockland High School Library	Rockland	MA	\$8,000
Rogue Valley Community Television	Ashland	OR	\$125,000
RSVL 8 Access	Roseville	CA	\$75,000
Sacramento Educational Cable Consortium	Sacramento	CA	\$380,000
Salem School District Media Services	Salem	NH	\$110,000
Sammons of Indiana, Local Programming	Indianapolis	IN	\$139,000
San Francisco Community Television Corporation	San Francisco	CA	\$150,000
Sandwich Community Access TV	East Sandwich	MA	\$15,000
Santa Fe Public Access	Santa Fe	NM	\$139,275
Santa Paula Community Access	Santa Paula	CA	\$26,000
Scarsdale Village Govt. Access Channel	Scarsdale	NY	\$45,000
Seekonk Cable Access	Seekonk	MA	\$70,000
Shelby Twp. Cable TV	Shelby Twp.	MI	\$250,000
Shrewsbury Public Access Connection	Shrewsbury	MA	\$87,000
Sierra Nevada Community Access Television (SNCA)	Reno	NV	\$210,000
Simmons Cable TV of Kentucky	Madison	IN	\$46,000
Solon Community Television	Solon	OH	\$80,000
Somerville Community Access Television	Somerville	MA	\$300,000
South Washington County Cable Communications C	St. Paul Park	MN	\$200,000

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Southwest Community Television	Hopkins	MN	\$350,000
Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission	Farmington Hills	MI	\$250,000
Spring Point Community TV Center	South Portland	ME	\$80,000
Springfield Educational Television	Springfield	IL	\$50,000
St. Charles City-County Library District	St. Peters	MO	\$3,000
St. Peter Public Access (SPPA)	St. Peter	MN	\$13,900
Staten Island Community Television, Inc.	Staten Island	NY	\$611,365
Storer Communications, Channel 36	Groton	CT	\$105,000
Suburban Community Channels	White Bear Lake	MN	\$318,000
Summit Cablevision - Public Access	Seattle	WA	\$80,000
Tampa Educational Cable Consortium	Tampa	FL	\$350,000
Taos Local Television, Inc.	Taos	NM	\$30,000
TCI Cablevision	Andover	MA	\$100,000
TCI Cablevision	North Reading	MA	\$100,000
TCI Cablevision	Dracut	MA	\$100,000
TCI Cablevision of L.A. County	City of Industry	CA	\$88,000
TCI Cablevision of North Attleboro and Taunton	North Attleboro	MA	\$150,000
TCI Cablevision of Oakland County - Orion	Lake Orion	MI	\$200,000
TCI Cablevision of South Central Connecticut	Branford	CT	\$242,000
TCI Cablevision of West Oakland County	Walled Lake	MI	\$90,000
TCI of Oakland County	Royal Oak	MI	\$2,000,000
Telluride Community TV	Telluride	CO	\$28,000
Thomaston High School	Thomaston	CT	\$2,000
Thurston Community Television	Olympia	WA	\$260,000
Town of Holden - Greater Media Town Studio	Holden	MA	\$10,000
Trempealeau County Community TV	Whitehall	WI	\$72,000
Tri-Community Cable Studio/WBRW 6	Romeo	MI	\$120,000
Tualatin Valley Community Access	Beaverton	OR	\$800,000
Tucson Community Cable Corporation	Tucson	AZ	\$952,000
TV-36 Communities on Cable, Inc.	Summit	NJ	\$53,000
TV3 Medford	Medford	MA	\$85,000
UCSD TV	La Jolla	CA	\$380,000

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UW-Platteville Television Services	Platteville	WI	\$5,000
Viacom Cable, Marin 31	San Rafael	CA	\$250,000
Video Data Bank	Chicago	IL	\$450,000
Village of Wilmette	Wilmette	IL	\$240,000
Village of Woodridge	Woodridge	IL	\$80,000
Vision Cable Co. of Rhode Island	Pawtucket	RI	\$137,000
Vista Cablevision	Wichita Falls	TX	\$130,000
Wakefield Community Access Television, Inc.	Wakefield	MA	\$110,000
Walnut Community Cable Channel 56	Walnut	CA	\$54,000
Waltham Community Access Corp.	Waltham	MA	\$225,000
Warner Cable	Lynn	MA	\$200,000
Waterford Public Access	Waterford	MI	\$45,000
Waycross Community Television	Forest Park	OH	\$325,000
WBRK - Berkley Municipal Cable Ch. 53	Berkley	MI	\$109,230
WBSD - Berkley Schools Cable TV	Berkley	MI	\$8,500
WCTV - Wadsworth Community Television	Wadsworth	OH	\$178,265
WCTY-TV	Norfolk	VA	\$120,000
Webster Community Access Television (WCA-TV)	Webster	NY	\$64,555
West Bend Community Cable	West Bend	WI	\$35,000
West Valley Cable Public Access	Chatsworth	CA	\$675,000
Western Reserve Cable Television Corporation	Macedonia	OH	\$195,245
Weststar 12	Bishop	CA	\$130,000
Wheaton Community Television	Wheaton	IL	\$194,527
White Plains Cable Access Commission Inc.	White Plains	NY	\$375,000
White Plains Public Schools	White Plains	NY	\$72,000
Whitewater Community Television, Inc.	Richmond	IN	\$85,000
Whittier County Community TV	Whittier	CA	\$75,000
Wilbraham Public Access Cable TV	Wilbraham	MA	\$5,000
Wilmington Community Television, Inc.	Wilmington	MA	\$120,000
Windsor Community Television	Windsor	CT	\$42,000
Winthrop Community Access Television	Winthrop	MA	\$166,000
WLRN Cable-TAP	Miami	FL	\$775,000